



## FIRST THINGS FIRST

*The right system for bright futures*

### COCHISE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

#### ORAL HEALTH

#### REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION

**RFGA # FTF-RC002-11-0273-00**

#### FACT SHEET

### **WHAT IS THE FIRST THINGS FIRST COCHISE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM?**

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The Cochise Regional Partnership Council has identified the need for regional implementation of all the following strategies:

- Utilize a trained oral health provider to increase children's access to preventative dental health care by:
  - Educating child care providers/educators on the importance of preventative oral health care and how to recognize and understand oral diseases and conditions;
  - Encouraging child care providers/educators to lay the foundation for a lifetime of good oral health by implementing classroom-based tooth brushing and by providing oral health education and resources (tooth brush, paste, etc) to children/students;
  - Educating child care providers/educators on how to talk to parents on the importance of oral health care and how to explain what preventative oral health care includes, as appropriate; and
  - Encouraging childcare providers/educators to make appropriate referrals for improved oral health.
- Increase delivery of oral health screenings, apply fluoride applications (varnish) and sealants, and refer families for oral health care.
- Conduct outreach to dentists and other oral health professionals encouraging them to address the oral health needs of children birth through age five utilizing educational tools such as the North Carolina Baby Oral Health kit.
- Conduct outreach to health providers on the importance of early oral health screenings beginning at age one year in order to increase the number of families with infants and toddlers scheduling oral health screenings for their child.

Tooth decay is the single most common chronic infectious disease of childhood; five times more common than asthma. Low income and minority children have more untreated decay and visit the dentist less frequently. Oral disease is progressive and cumulative and, if left untreated, can lead to needless pain and suffering; difficulty in speaking, chewing and swallowing; missed school days; increased cost of care; and a greater risk for other systemic health problems due to poor nutrition. Connections are emerging between the condition of the mouth and diabetes, heart disease, and preterm, low-weight births. This strategy will build upon and enhance existing efforts to support improved oral health outcomes for children birth to age five.

## **WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?**

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Approximately \$200,000 is available in this Request for Grant Application. Contract renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory contract performance, evaluation and availability of funds. The anticipated contract period for any resultant grant will be July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

## **PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS**

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March 3, 2010	RFGA available on-line
March 19, 2010	Pre-Application Conference Cochise County Constable's Office, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at 4001 Foothills Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
April 14, 2010	Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 10:00 a.m.
July 1, 2010	Anticipated grant awards made

## **HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA**

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Please visit the First Things First web site on or after March 3, 2010: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

## **QUESTIONS?**

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All questions must be submitted in writing and include **FTF-RC002-11-0273-00** in the subject line of the email or on the cover sheet of the fax.

Questions should be submitted to the Grants and Contracts Procurement Specialist via email at [grants@azftf.gov](mailto:grants@azftf.gov) or via fax at (602) 265-0009.